We claim:

1. A convertible walker/transport chair apparatus, comprising:

a longitudinal axis in the forward and rearward directions;

a pair of front wheels evenly spaced on either side of said longitudinal axis along a front transverse axis and rotatably mounted at the lower ends of a pair of upwardly extending front leg members;

a pair of rear wheels evenly spaced on either side of said longitudinal axis along a rear transverse axis and rotatably mounted at the lower ends of a pair of upwardly extending rear leg members;

a horizontal seating surface transversely disposed at the upper ends of said front and rear leg members;

a pair of height adjustable handle bar members projecting upwardly and rearwardly of said seating surface and comprising a pair of push handle assemblies disposed at the upper ends of said handle bar members;

a generally arcuate shaped backrest disposed transversely between the upper end of said handle bar member;

pivotal attachment means disposed substantially in vertical alignment over the longitudinal mid-point of said seating surface for connecting said backrest to said handle bar members, said pivotal attachment means permitting said backrest to be pivoted between a first position in which said backrest extends in a generally horizontal forward projecting position adapted to support a rearward facing seated user's back when in the walker configuration and a second position in which said backrest extends in a generally horizontal rearward projecting position adapted to support a forward facing seated user's back when in the transport chair configuration;

stop means on said handle bar members for selectively retaining said backrest in said first or second position.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said handle bar members are slidably received for telescopic movement within the upper ends of said rear leg members.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of said handle bar members further comprises a backrest connection member projecting forwardly from the upper end thereof and wherein said pivotal attachment means connects said backrest to said backrest connection member.

4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said backrest connection members are connected to said push handle assemblies.

5. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said stop means comprises a pair of opposed first abutment surfaces on said handle bar members and on said backrest which are maintained in contact when said backrest is in said first position and a pair of opposed second abutment surfaces on said handle bar members and on said backrest which are maintained in contact when said backrest is in said second position.

6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said abutment surfaces on said handle bar members are on said connection members.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said backrest is a strap formed of a flexible plastic material with said attachment means integrally moulded at the ends thereof.

8. The apparatus of claim 1 further including a cross-bar member extending transversely between the lower ends of said front leg members, the said cross-bar member having a central portion thereof that is disposed substantially in vertical alignment with or rearward of the front edge of said seating surface.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said cross-bar member includes end fittings extending forward of the lower end of said forward leg members, and wherein each of said front wheels is rotatably mounted in a caster type fork assembly having a vertically disposed mounting shaft, said mounting shaft being rotatably received in one of said end fitting.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said cross-bar member and said end fittings are unitarily moulded.

11. The apparatus of claim 1 including a footrest member mounted for pivotal movement between a stowed position transversely disposed between said front leg members and a deployed position projecting forward of the lower ends of said front leg members for supporting a forward facing seated user's feet when in the transport chair configuration.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said footrest is pivotally mounted to said end fittings.